

## Japanese Delegates Discuss the Far Eastern Situation

**Claims That the Attitude of League of Nations and Chinese Propaganda Are Responsible For Present Difficulty — American Proposal Not Acceptable to Germany.**

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GENEVA, Dec. 6—Chinese propaganda and the attitude of the League of Nations were held chiefly responsible for the difficult Far Eastern situation today by Japanese delegate Yusoke Matsuo, when the special League assembly convened. The five powers seeking to bring Germany back to the disarmament conference heard an American proposal that the German demand for arms equality and the French plea for security be postponed for three years, during which time a permanent disarmament commission would study the problems.

(Berlin despatches said this plan was not acceptable to Germany).

Norman H. Davis also suggested on behalf of the United States a preliminary treaty, going as far as possible toward disarmament be signed immediately.

## NO SAFETY PROVISIONS IN MINING LAW

**Coroner's Jury at Minto Make Important Recommendations in Their Verdict at Inquest.**

Minto, Queens Co., Dec. 5—Absence in the Mining Act of the province of any mining regulations, as regards safety of mines and that of the men working in them, was brought out at the inquest held here tonight into the deaths of Madore Veneau and Ferdinand Toussaint, two of three miners struck when six of a string of 12 cars, loaded with coal and shale, parted as they were being hoisted up the slope and thundered back down the slope of the Minto Coal Co., Ltd., here last Thursday.

W. E. McMullen, inspector of mines for New Brunswick, one of the 18 witnesses at the inquiry conducted by W. Burton Wisely, Minto, coroner, in explaining his duties as inspector, said that in the absence of safety regulations on the statute books of the province he had no set duties as far as safety in mines was concerned. He answered in the negative when asked if he had authority to order something done or changed to make for greater safety if, after he had inspected a mine, he decided something should be done along such lines.

He thought that the Minto Coal Company's equipment was good.

### Jury's Verdict

The jury after deliberating three quarters of an hour, returned the following verdict:

That Veneau and Toussaint came to their deaths by being struck by runaway cars, the runaway being caused by the spreading of shackles between the sixth and seventh cars of a 12-car string. We do not attach any blame to anyone, but we make the following recommendations:

That shackles and drawbars on coal cars be thoroughly inspected by competent authorities to determine the cause of the spreading of shackles; to determine if drawbars are made up to proper specifications; and that steps be taken, if necessary, to prevent the occurrence of the spreading of shackles.

That the Provincial Government

## PRIZE STEER SOLD AT \$1.25 PER POUND

Chicago, Ills., Dec. 5—From showing to slaughter house is the last path a prize steer takes, and today the champions of the International Livestock Exposition were led into the final stretch.

They were routed at the auctioneer's pen in the Union stock yards. And as a result of the bidding, residents of Pittsburgh will eat the year's most expensive steaks.

Texas Special, grand champion steer of the show, was purchased for \$1.25 a pound. The successful bidder was Donahoe's Food Store in Pittsburgh.

Another company of that city, McCann & Co., who last year purchased the champion carlot of steers, repeated today, getting the top lot of J. F. Mommsen, breeder of Miles, Iowa. The price was \$15.50 per hundred pounds.

Both amounts were satisfactory considering the trend of the meat market. Texas Special brought 2 cents a pound less than did the champion steer of the 1931 international, and three years ago the grand champion brought \$8.25 a pound.

Last year the champion carlot load was sold for \$20.25 per 100 pounds.

Moscow, Dec. 6—Any worker or official in Soviet Russia absent without justification for one day during a month will be subject to immediate discharge and loss of his bread card, according to provisions of a decree to be issued today by the Council of Peoples Commissars.

The decree is aimed to overcome widespread neglect of duties and to tighten working discipline. The Commissariat of Labor issued a decree this week allowing the discharge of any worker on twelve days' notice without extra pay instead of the former month's notice.

take action to formulate a mining law designed to safeguard employees and mining companies regarding working conditions in mines.

That the Minto Coal Co., Ltd., put in such safety devices as spoken of here tonight by their manager as soon as possible.

## TOBIQUE GUIDE TELLS THRILLING BEAR STORIES

**Jack Ogilvy Boards a Bear In Its Den and Had Close Call—An Old Sheep Killer Slain After a Long Chase.**

Well charged with thrilling bear stories, David Ogilvy, famous Tobique guide, arrived in the city last evening and is the guest of his sister, Mrs. F. W. Risteen, Smythe Street. Mr. Ogilvy handled angling parties on the open water of the Restigouche last season and also operated sporting camps at Gulquac on the Tobique. Owing to business depression in the United States, the number of non-resident anglers was not as great as during the previous year.

### Fell Into Bear's Den

Speaking of bears, Mr. Ogilvy says that his brother Jack, a few days ago had a thrilling experience with one of these animals at close quarters, which he is not likely to forget in a hurry. Jack and another guide named Seymour Trafton were going over a line of traps in the Tobique woods when they happened to run across a bear track which led down a sharp incline. Jack carrying a rifle, was in the lead and wishing to make speed, skidded down the incline, and before he could apply the brakes, found himself right in a bears den, having crashed through the rather flimsy covering. The den had another occupant established for the winter, and for a moment it was difficult to tell which was the most surprised, the trapper of the bear. Jack was the first to act, and raising his rifle fired point blank at the bear. One shot bowled the old fellow over, and an examination showed that the powder had burned off its eyebrows, which indicates that the shot was fired at close quarters.

### An Old Sheep Killer

Mr. Ogilvy reports that the largest bear ever taken in the Tobique woods was killed in June last by Eddie Campbell and Eagan McCarthy, well known trappers. It was afterwards identified as an old sheep killer, which had been worrying the farmers of South Tilley and Arthurette for a period of twelve years. Naturally every man's hand was against this old maurader, as a total of eighty sheep had been notched up against him. Three steel traps were set for him, in one of which in an evil hour he planked a hind foot. Being big and strong he broke the chain attached to a clog and headed for a cedar swamp. Two men followed the trail for a whole day, but failed to get a glimpse of the animal. The next day Campbell and McCarthy took up the chase and along toward night caught a glimpse of the bear moving along at a rapid pace. They began shooting and kept it up until only three cartridges remained. They finally succeeded in working in closer and finally knocked the fugitive over with a well directed shot. The animal was found to be rolling fat and the guides estimated that it weighed fully five hundred pounds and the size of the pelt bears out their estimate. Naturally the farmers of the neighborhood were glad to hear the career of this old sheep killer has been terminated.

### Fractured Skull

Alexander W. Clark, of Nashwaak Bridge, suffered a fractured skull yesterday afternoon while working in the woods near his home. He is in the Victoria Hospital today and his condition is serious.

## LAME DUCK CONGRESS FACES HUGE DEFICIT

**The Shortage Equal To About Five Thousand Dollars a Minute**

## WILL TRY TO LEGALIZE BEER

**Many Great Problems Loom Up On This Short Session**

(By Lyle C. Wilson, United Press Staff Correspondent)

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Washington, Dec. 6—The lame duck Congress is confronted with a Federal deficit accumulating at the rate of \$5,000 a minute and confused by disputes over beer, the bonus, war debts, farm relief and taxes. Democratic leaders have promised to legalize beer this winter.

This is the last Congress of the Hoover Administration. It probably will be the last lame duck session this country will ever see. Just around the political corner are a Democratic President-elect and a House and Senate, which will be overwhelming Democratic.

Republicans have technical control of the short session Senate—the remnant of the power they seized in the war-time 1918 election. The House has been Democratic by a small majority since the 1930 election.

### Peacetime Problems

Peacetime problems without precedent plague this short session. The Federal deficit will exceed \$1,000,000,000 (b) and may double that sum. Congress must choose between increased taxes, bond issues and economies, or combine two or more of those methods to provide Treasury funds. Failing that, there must be a special session of Congress called not later than May 1.

Democratic leaders have been endeavoring to avoid an extra session at such an early date. They would prefer that it be delayed until the latter part of the summer. The experience of the Hoover Administration with its special session of the spring of 1929 has been cited to President-elect Roosevelt as an example of the political dangers which would accompany an early summons of the new Congress elected last November 8.

## WOOLY ROADS IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney Dec. 5, The council of Moree New South Wales, is testing a road pavement made of chemically treated wool which is said to set as hard as concrete.

### MORE ANTIQUE COINS

### BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Local interest in antique coins has been aroused by the publication in the Mail recently of several stories based on the possessions of citizens. H. B. Atherton, accountant for the J. C. Risteen Company, Ltd., brought two real old timers to the Mail office this morning. He thinks that they are of Spanish or Italian vintage. One is almost the size of an American silver dollar and on its face has the bust of a sovereign and the words, "Lud, XVI D. G. F. R., et Nav. Rex", and on the reverse side the words "Rene, Nomen Domini, Benedictine", and dated 1785. The other coin, which is a little larger than an English shilling reveals a crown and the words, "In Hoc Signo Vinet, Part et Alg Rex and is dated 1747. Both coins are of silver and still have a sharp metallic ring. Mr. Atherton says that his father the late Stephen Atherton carried the small coin as a pocket piece for over fifty years.

## Heroic Episode Is Inscribed on Annals of Sea

**Crew of New Steamship Conte Di Savoia Plugged a Hole Below Waterline During Rough Weather—Accident on Maiden Voyage Gave Passengers a Scare.**

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ABOARD S.S. CONTE DI SAVOIA, Dec. 6—The new S.S. Conte Di Savoia proceeded to New York at reduced speed today after members of her crew had inscribed an heroic episode in sea annals by hanging over the side with ropes and plugging a hole below the waterline while the ship hove to during the night in stormy weather. The accident to the Savoia, on her maiden voyage to New York, occurred just as the passenger were preparing for the gala farewell to the liner. Apparently a valve on the port generator had been sheered off and water began pouring in the generator. The lights suddenly went out and passengers ran to the decks, many of them in alarm and some hastily donning life preservers.

## FOOD CARD REGULATIONS TIGHTENED

Moscow, U. S. S. R., Dec. 6—More rigid control of food ration books instituted Tuesday, reflects the tightening situation relative to food supply. Books now will be issued for a month at a time only, instead of for three months as formerly. This gives the authorities a chance to control rations from month to month instead of from quarter to quarter.

Also, henceforth, factories and institutions will issue books to their workers directly, replacing the old system under which house committees issued them to all dwellers in houses under the committees supervision. This will make it difficult for persons not working in factories or institutions to get bread cards.

## DAY TO HIMSELF, WALE'S IDEA OF A GOOD TIME

London, Dec. 6—If you were to ask the Prince of Wales what he would like most, he most probably would reply: "A whole day to myself with no official duties."

And if you were to ask him what he would do on that "day off," he possibly would reply: "play golf."

For golf is the chief hobby of the Prince at the present time, and it is his pet ambition to reduce his handicap.

This year alone he has reduced it from a shaky 14 to a very steady 12, and he hopes to get it lower. He also has played in a number of club tournaments with varying success, and this has had a curious result.

It has allowed the British press, usually ultra-careful in what it says about royalty, to criticize his game just like that of any other well-known golfer.

### Cusk Fishing

There is a good run of cusk in the river at the present time and they are providing sport and work for the unemployed. The modus operandi is to cut a hold in the ice, set a baited hook and await results. Some fishermen set as high as fifty lines and tend them three or four times every night.

## CREW OF MEN ARE OFF TO THE LUMBER WOODS

**William Brewer, Royal Road, To Cut Half a Million Feet of Hardwood on the Lepreaux.**

Former days of activity in the lumber woods were recalled this morning, when a crew of men with equipment and supplies set out from the Grand Hotel for Lepreaux to cut hardwood. The men are in the employ of William Brewer of Royal Road, who has contracted with Frank Roach of Eyvendale to cut half a million feet of hardwood lumber for the English market. Mr. Roach has set up a portable mill at Lepreaux and will convert the logs into lumber of the various sizes required.

Mr. Brewer has engaged a crew of about thirty men. Three motor trucks were utilized in transporting them and their supplies and equipment to Lepreaux. One truck contained a cook stove, a large number of woollen blankets and a number of boxes and barrels. The lumberjacks, happy in the thought of securing employment, swarmed over the top of the truck, clinging to boxes and barrels for support. They were decked out in woods costume and did not seem to worry over the long, cold drive which was ahead of them.

Upon entering the woods their first job will be to construct a camp, which will be their home while on the job. Three pair of horses are already on the ground, and more will be sent in. It is likely that Mr. Brewer, when he completes his hardwood contract, will get a supply of pulpwood in the Lepreaux waters.

Mr. Roach came to the city yesterday to superintend the departure of the expedition and is a guest at the Grand Hotel.

### Cusk Fishing

Cusk fishing has come around again with the river frozen over. Many youngsters already have cut holes in the ice and dealt lines. Yesterday several of these boys appeared on the streets selling the cusk. Some citizens are fond of this variety of fish and the fishermen have no great trouble in disposing of their wares. Later in the winter, older residents almost make a business of it, and fish systematically, selling the cusk in great numbers.